CITY OF THE UNION.

I spoke last Sunday of Mayor Chapin's access of humor, and suggested that he was getting on. Assuredly he is. In the course of the week he developed a grim sardonic sarcasm that may or may not be encouraging, according to the point of view of Speaking of the hearing before a comremarked: "The Republican Legislative Committee RECEPTIONS, DINNER-PARTIES AND OTHER mittee of the Legislature on Brooklyn measures, he seems to have determined that no improvement bill shall pass this year. This relieves me from the necessity of considerable thought and study." Comment is unnecessary, further than to say that the saving of thought and study on this subject gives Mr. Chapin more time for thought and study as to how compass the political ends which he never allows himself to lose sight of. With what interest, for example, he must have read the leading article in "The Eagle" laying out a political programme which looks to making Grover Cleveland the next Democratic indidate for President, David B. Hill the next United States Senator for New-York, and Alfred C. hapin the next Governor of the Empire state!

What good reason can be alleged in favor of secret meetings of such a body as a commission to select a design for a new armory and prepare for the erection of the building! The 13th Regiment Armory Commission met behind closed doors last week, and all that the public was allowed to know about a public matter of grave concern was through a "skeleton of nformation" given out by the Mayor's private secretary. It is plain that there was an entire lack of harmony among the members of the Commission, and actically all that was done was of a negative charac-Colonel Austen appears to have made every fort to accomplish something, but not one of his motions met with even the scant favor of a second. ly a vote of 3 to 5, however, prizes of \$1,000 and \$5.00 respectively were awarded to the designs marked "Mars" and "Veteran." This does not necessarily mean that either of these designs will be finally adopted. In fact, it is affirmed by good judges that building according to the "Mars" plans cannot be put up for anything like the \$300,000 appropriated or the armory. The Commission is to hold another meeting to morrow. The first thing it should do is to remove the ban of secrecy which has no place on the proceedings of a body of this character.

The legislation which, as was said a week ago, is ssary in order to build an extension to the new Federal building so as to give room enough for the constantly and rapidly expanding business of the Postoffice, will be provided by the passage of the Postofilee, will be provided by the parties to belef bill introduced by Representative Wallace on Monday. The till simply expanges from the existing law on the subject of the building the provision that a space of forty feet should be left on the north that a space of feet should be left on the north that a space of feet should be left on the north that a space of feet should be left on the north that a space of feet should be left on the north that a space of feet should be left on the north that a space of feet should be left on the north that a space of feet should be left on the north that a space of feet should be left on the north that a space of feet should be left on the north that a space of feet should be left on the north that a space of feet should be left on the north that a space of feet should be left on the north that a space of feet should be left on the north t was to secure safety from fire, but the proposed exon will hardly endanger the new building. retary Windom is strongly in favor of the bill referred to, and will urge its passage upon Congress.

Only ten of the Bridge Trustees were able to attend the meeting of that superfluous body set for last Monday. They waited for a few minutes for the arrival of one more trustee, and then, no one coming, the "meeting" broke up. It is well understood that law, but by precedent that must be considered J. J. Couch. Wors fixed and unchangeable. Not much 1: said now about also gave recitations. reducing the number of trustees necessary to consti norum, though the proposition was seriously considered some time ago. The absurdity of it was apparent the mement it was shown that if seven trustees could constitute a quorum, there was no why five, or three, or one night not do the Perhaps a variable quorum, the sunaber to be determined by the president according to the exigencies of each particular occasion, would be the That is to say, unless the present farce, which has been played a good many years too long already, is not soon played out by act of the Legislature. at last something really worth while seems likely

to be done in the important matter of extending the It has been commonly supposed that R. Decker, William Ringe and E. Duffy, action at Albany would be necessary, but the Aldermen have resolved to act. At any rate, they m to have done so. But the Brooklyn Aldermen are by no means to be depended on. They are " mighty onsartin." It took them a matter of five years to re-solve on a greatly needed extension of the city's works. They move slowly, not altogether be they are a "great body." Mayor Chapin some time ago expressed a very decided conviction in favo of extending the fire limits, which, he declared, had never been fixed with care or system." He is co-perating with the Aldermen's Committee on the Fire Department, and the question of extension will in all likelihood be laid before the Common Conneil to-mor The action proposed, however, hardly seems be better than nothing.

The musically inclined are looking forward with exceptional interest to the production of "Parsifal" at the Academy of Music on March 31, under the auspices of the Scidi Society, by Herr Scidi and the orchestra and singers of the Metropolitan Opera House. The greater part of the seats were sold privately to the members of the society and their fortunate friends, but a few are now on sale at Chandler's. Nearly all the seats above the main floor of the Academy were disposed of long ago, but some are still left in the front rows of the parquet, with a few in the balcony, as what is commonly known as the dress circle is oddly termed in the nomenclature of the Academy. There are also a limited number in the family circle. Not a seat is offered for less than \$10, and it is interesting to watch the people who go into Chandler's, inspect the diagram, say "How much for those two!" and receive the answer "\$10 apiece" with open eyed astonishment. Those members of the Seidl Society who obtained seats for friends who for any reason are now unable to use them find an eager competition for the seats going on among other friendr acquaintances. It is somewhat to be regretted that a decision has been reached to sell admission tickets to the number of 300. The Academy of Music, unlike the Metropolitan Opera House, was not constructed with the purpose of accommodating a large number of "standees," and the crowding of the aisles and passages will detract from such an appearance of the house as would be presented by a ted audience all in evening dress. Meantime the people of Brooklyn are having opportunities in plenty to familiarize themselves with the opera. Mr. Damrosch has just concluded a course of three lectures, with musical illustrations, upon it, and to morrow Professor Korthener will give the second of a similar

All is not smooth sailing for City Works Commissioner Adams in connection with his award of the street cleaning contract to Cranford & Valentine who were not the lowest bidders. The firm which underbid them, however, admits that a mistake was made in its figures and that it was glad not to get the contract. It is to be feated that "politics" has played an undue part in the matter. The new con-tract goes into effect on April 1. For weeks nothing in the way of street cleaning has been done, and Commissioner Adams has displayed a deplorable case of had temper when questioned as to his intentions. On Wednesday he secured authority from the Mayor to expend \$10,000 in the existing emergency, and ork of removing the abounding fifth from some

speaking of the McCalla court of inquiry one of reporters said: "The Enterprise is moored to the Cobb Dock, and thither the court went."
of course the Cob Dock was meant. This reminds me of a Brooklyn reporter for what "The Eagle" plans for \$325,000. The appropriation is \$300,000. would learnedly call "a transfluvial journal" who Navy Yard as the "Cos Cob Dock."

The hands of the City Hall clock are not always to be depended on. In fact, they are much given to erratic ways and do not by any means pull together with regularity. It is no very uncommon sight to ob-serve them two or three minutes apart on the different faces. But the striking of the clock two or three times a day is entirely trustworthy. This was formerly done at 8 a. m. and 5 and 9 p. m. by a man stationed in the tower of the City Hall, who also rang the bell to give fire alarms whenever he received the appropriate signal. But the striking and ringing are now all done by means of electrical connections with the Fire Department, and done of course with absolute accuracy. So no one need hesitate to set his watch by the "Hall clock" prorided he does so at the time it strikes; if he puts his faith in the hands of the clock, however, woe will be Myrtle ave, and Adams-st-which is really the only side available for walking because of the detour which side available for walking because of the deteur which is necessary if one attempts to pass up or down the street on the side next the City Hall—is unable to see the Hall clock at any point on this block. This

WHAT BROOKLYN TALKS OF. is on account of the Kings County Elevated road. THE NEWEST OF THE CLUBS. tower entirely. At the same time, as has before TOPICS ON PEOPLE'S LIPS IN THE THIRD been pointed out in this column, the elevated structure serves an excellent purpose on a hot summer after-noon by throwing an agreeable shade upon this most-used side of the most-used street of Brooklyn. Loss and gain go hand in hand here as elsewhere.

## SOCIAL AMUSEMENTS.

PLEASANT OCCASIONS. At the Assembly Rooms in the Johnston Building last Monday evening, the Presbyterian social Union dently come to stay. On Tuesday evening its pro held its fifth reception, which was preceded by a din-ner. The Rev. Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler presided, and its formal organization will be accomplithe Rev. Dr. Francis L. Patten, president of Prince-ton College, was the guest of the evening. After Joseph F. Knapp, William Berri, C. B. De La Verg dinner, Dr. Patton talked in an entertaining and in-structive manner about systematic theology. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus D. Reid, Mr. and Mrs. David C. Reid, E. R. Dillingham, Mrs. J. Adolph Mollenhauer, John R. Parker, Brainard C. J. Adolph Mollenhauer, John R. Parker, Brainard C. nd Mrs. David C. Reid, E. R. Dillingham, Mrs. D. Patterson, the Rev. J. W. Hageman, G. H. hite, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Wray, C. K. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Riebey, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Upte grove, H. D. Crane, J. S. Tower, R. M. Martin, the Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Bridges, C. B. Pearson, T. A. Pathus, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Thurber, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Holliday, the Rev. Charles Wood, the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hell-man, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Belden, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Twyeflort, V. Morse, A. B. Prichard, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Loomis, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Wursier, Mathew Dean, William A. Bryant S. E. Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Loomis, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Hoyd, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Loomis, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Bridgman. Edwin Knewies, John Carthledge, S. F. Ber McKee, George W. Piper and James D. Bell.

A pleasant party was given last Monday evening Florence. She received many bouquets and handsome gifts. Among those present were: Dr. and Mrs. Topham, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sherwood, Miss Emma Sherwood and Miss Etta Fraser, of New-York; Samuel Keymer, Miss Ida Leonard, Miss Kate Deats.

Miss Edua Deats, Miss Calcan, Miss Indiagnam, Miss. Katie Stone, Miss Edith Stone and Miss A. Taylor. has not been finally settled.

to Worshipful Brother Edward G. Williams, who was accompanied by Worshipful Masters, William T. Pratt, of Acanthus; Charles R. Rivers, George Nicholson, Walter C. Humstone, Charles S. Barker, Charles G.

subsequently the Grand Master and his staff arrived. simply expanges from the existence of the building the provision of feet should be left on the north. The purpose of this provision the purpose of this provision of the purpose of the purpose of the purpose of the provision of the purpose of R. W. A. B. Price, R. W. James M. Fuller, R. W. Robert Black, R. W. William Elbert, F. E. Pearsall, R. W. Thomas Bell, John K. Oakley, grand stewards; R. W. John Muller, and R. W. Marion Grimes.

R. W. Edward G. Williams, District Deputy Grand Master of the third Masonic district, made an ad for about \$10,000. Their plan is to i-sue 8 the subject of Masonry, tracing its growth in this city and its vicinity.

Charles H. Thompson sang a solo, and speeches were made by Deputy Grand Master William Sherer, from the necessity of holding any meetings-not by Grand Secretary Ehlers and Most Worshopful Brother J. J. Couch. Worshipful Brother J. H. Warwick

> The Phil Sheridan Club of the First Ward gave annual ball at samgerbund Hall last Wedne evening. At 10 o'clock the grand march took place, led by N. D. French, the president of the club, and Miss H. Elles. During the evening Mr. French was presented with a gold-headed cane. The committee in charge of the affair were as follows: Floor com-mittee, Alexander Mitzel, Jr., chairman; Herman Meinke, Theodore Marshal, Joseph Lemaire, John Roeme, James McBride, Richard Gerdes, Joseph F. Daly, Harry Wells and Albert Johnston, Reception committee: Walter S. Decker, Thomas G. Euckley, Kobert E. Wilson, Hiram M. Jones, Edward Arnold, H. schlieting, T. Hanlon, James H. Thompson, M. J. McCourt, Michael Hoyle, William

The Association of the Alumni of the Long Island College Hospital held their tenth annual dinner last Wednesday evening, in Remsen Hall. It was the linest dinner the society has ever given. Nearly 200 diners sat at the table, which were arranged in the Sorm of a parallelogram. At the provident's table were seated by, Paul H. Kreizschmar, Supervisor at Large, while on his right hand and left sat his guests.

## GATHERED ABOUT TOWN.

Mr. Moody will continue his services in the Eastern District this week, and will speak in the First Reformed and the New England Congregational Churches. Mrs. Adeline L. Ransom is seeking limited divorce from Isaac B. Ransom, on the ground of cruelty, The plaintiff is a daughter of Amos F. Learned, formerly of the Associated Press, who is now insane. She is Mr. Ransom's third wife.

The Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott will preach the first of a series of sermons upon "The Gospel in the old Testament," in Plymouth Church this evening. His subject will be "The Gospel According to Moses."

It is expected that superintendent William Egerton, who has been connected with the Union Ferry Company for about a year, will resign to-morrow. The tep is due to the recent change in the control of the ompany by the purchase of a majority of the stock by a syndicate of New-York capitalists.

The subscriptions to the Stranahan Statue Fund now

Mayor Chanin recently addressed a letter to the "Hon. Hugh J. Grant, Chairman, etc., New York," and he received it back yesterday from the Dead Letter Office, stamped " Not found." The funeral of Charles S. Spooner, who died on

Thursday at No. 29s Adelphist., will take place this afternoon. Mr. Spooner was eighty years old. When only sixteen he came to Brooklyn from Providence, R. L. and was in the jewelry business for many years

The 13th Regiment Armory Commission will meet to morrow to select the supervising architect for the new building. The choice of the Commission will probably be R. L. Dayls, who drew the plans which the building can be constructed according to these

A meeting of the stockholders of the Brooklyn City and Newtown Railroad Company will be held early next month to authorize the issue of bonds to the \$660,000 will be used to redeem that amount in 7 per cent bonds, and \$1,000,000 will be kept for permanent improvements, with the expectation at an early day of substituting cable or electricity for horses on the

line in DeKulb-ave. The Rev. John C. Allen has accepted the call recently extended to him by the Calvary Baptist Church. The colored boxing bouts for the championship of America, under the anspices of the Outing Athletic Club, will be held at Robertson's, in Orange-st., on Thursday and saturday evenings. Gold medals will be given to the winner in every class, and silver ones for

### second prizes. FUNERAL OF PORT WARDEN TOOHILL.

The funeral of Port Warden Edward Toohill took place yesterday morning in St. Stephen's Roman his portion for a time. Curiously enough, a person Catholic Church. A solemn requirem mass was cele-walking along Fulton-st., on the easterly side between braied by Fathers Reddington, Killahy and Fitzgerald. The pall bearers were Register James Kane, Alderman

PLANS AND PROSPECTS OF THE HANOVER

ITS CORPORATION PAPERS WILL SOON B SIGNED-THERE IS ROOM FOR THE AMPHION,

> TOO-A WOMEN'S DINING-ROOM FOR THE OXFORD-OTHER NEWS

> > OF CLUBDOM

Although less than two weeks old, the Hanover Willard F. Smith, W. B. Ten Eyck, George E. Travis Patley, Joseph McKee, James S, Simpson, Louis 1 Frank Sperry, Harry R. S. Randolph, Wilson R. Smith, Daniel T. Wilson, Charles H. Railey, Henry N. Mecker, Thomas P. Peters, George P. Jacobs,

In some respects the Hanover differs from by Mr. and Mrs. George Keymer in celebration of the sixteenth birthday of their eldest daughter, example, no one can become a member unless he sub-Miss Edna Deats, Miss Calron, Miss Balmanno, Miss the club to make 200 the limit, though this question

THE CLUB'S PROPOSED HOME. A reception was given last Thesday evening by
Perry Dean, the Worshipful Master of the Aurora
Grata Lodge. Mr. Dean made an address of welcome mansion, at Letford-ave, and Redney et. This The club will make its home in the old Hawle If the movement to change its quarters was succe Now, however, that the building has fallen Little, James Mitchell, James W. Murray, Charles H. adapted to their purpose, after slight alterations been made. The house is about flity feet so and it stands upon a plot of 55 by 100 feet. It three stories in height and has a high basement. interior finish is of hard wood.

The ground on which the house stands is value by competent judges at \$18,000 and the house its cost 800,000 to build. The Hanover pays for it ju

gambling is to be permitted. Of course the clu The club will take the title to their property a

THE EFFECT ON THE AMPRICA

A PHONOGRAPH AT A BINNER. One of the finest dinners which have taken place i names of the dishes and the second sheet being a by means of a phonograph learned by Millard F. Smith The rules of the clab-house were strictly observed, and

HALE AT ONE HUNDRED AND ONE.

Major Thomas Harward, who is said to be the oldest s the sole survivor. He has had five children, four ons and one daughter, but only the latter is now liv joyed line health. Of late years his hearing no accessinghtly. His blue eyes are bright, and his voice vigorous and musical. He uses eyeghoses only when cading or writing, but can sign his name legisly and even read large print without their act. His memory of occurrences long past is remarkably good.

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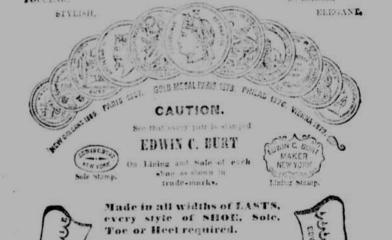
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